MR. O. M. THOMAS (*Kottayam*) I wish to know whether the President has furnished any information on that point?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No report on that point was called for from the President and he has not supplied any.

Waiting list in the Land Revenue Department.

62. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they keep a list of persons who have acted in the Land Revenue Department; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether appointments are made according to that list?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Yes.

Sinking of wells in the Akarakettu village, Shencotta.

62. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Are the Government aware that there is no public well in the Akarakettu village in the Shencotta taluk for the supply of drinking water to the inhabitants thereof?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): May I know whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member suggests, Government will make an enquiry into the matter. The Chief Engineer says that no representation has been made either to him or to the Executive Engineer.

Opening of a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal via Tadikad.

63. MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have considered the question of opening a road from Avanisvaram to Anchal through Tadikad; and

(*b*) the action taken so far (29-11-1931) in the matter?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate has been received from the Chief Engineer but the work has been ordered to lie over for want of funds.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know for how long the question has been under the consideration of Government.

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): From 1914.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Am I to understand that the work was ordered to lie over for want of funds all this time?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No. But in the meantime various particulars as to the land benefited by the work, the nature of the work, etc., had to be got down from the P. W. D. That took some time, and the Chief Engineer sent up the final estimate only in 1930.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): When was the first estimate submitted?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The information is not available.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): When was the final estimate submitted?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The final estimate from the Chief Engineer was received on 10-3-1930.

Service of demand notices for arrears of tax.

64. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule regarding the service of demand notices to joint patta-holders for arrears of tax; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that, in the Chirayinkil taluk, a new rule has been introduced by which each joint patta-holder should separately be served with such demand notice?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. (*Vide* G. O. Dis. No. 1023/24/Revenue, dated the 12th July 1924, published on page 967 of the Second Supplement to Vol. II of the Land Revenue Manual.)

(*b*) The rule embodied in the G. O. referred to above is a general one and does not apply to the Chirayinkil taluk alone.

Prohibition against the assignment of land containing mineral deposits.

65. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are any orders now in force prohibiting the assignment of land containing mineral deposits without previous sanction of the Government or the acquisition of such land by foreigners?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Service of demand notices under the Revenue Recovery Regulation.

66. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is the Taluk staff or the Pakuthi staff that is at present entrusted with the work of effecting service of demand notices issued under the Revenue Recovery Regulation?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The work of effecting service of demand notices under the Revenue Recovery Regulation is entrusted to the Pakuthi staff.

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